



Master Gardeners Hear it ... Through the Grapevine

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MASTER GARDENERS OF HAMILTON COUNTY

President's Letter

Hello Master Gardeners

This month I would like to remind and encourage each of you of the upcoming events. There is still time to recertify as master gardeners for the 2008 - 09 year.

As we approach the end of the master gardeners' fiscal year, I would like to encourage each of you to complete the appropriate forms and get them to the appropriate people by or before the deadline.

Near the end of the year I asked "you" to consider writing an essay of the activities that you participated in achieving your recertification hours. This essay should be presented to the Project Committee if you are the chairperson or lead person of a project. In an effort not to overwhelm the committee with essays, master gardeners are asked to present your essay to Tom Stebbins.

Once again we would like to thank Gina Turley for her dedica-

tion and time as the Newsletter Editor. We are presently looking for an editor. I have been given a name and we are in the process of working out the details of the software needed.

Membership dues are fast approaching in the amount of \$16.00/person unless otherwise stated.

The beginners gardener class dates are March 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st, please sign up to help Mike Payne. Mike is the lead person, however the master gardeners benefit greatly from this effort. Your participation will be appreciated.

We are now taking nominations for the upcoming year for all officers. Please check with fellow members and present your nomination to Tom Stebbins. As we have begun the process.

Winter School registration and classes should be completed

at this time. Congratulations on your registration. Go and glean all that you can to assist in making this organization the best master gardener program in the south.

We look forward to seeing each of you at the upcoming members meeting February 19th at 6:30 p.m. at the Bonny Oaks location. The subject for this months guest speaker will be Orchids.

February 14th ~ Happy Valentines Day to each of you!

~Linda Billingslea



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Dues are Due

Your 2009 (\$16) membership dues need to be turned in before April 1st to have your name included in the 2009 Membership Directory.

Your ACE HOURS should also be turned in by March 31st, especially if you are receiving a 3-5-or 10 year award.

Please mail to:

UT Extension- Hamilton County
Master Gardener Resource Room
6183 Adamson Circle
Chattanooga, TN 37416

If you need an ACE Hour form you can go to our MG website www.mghc.org click on Members link, then scroll down to Service Hours reporting form and print one. Treasurer Patsy Boles will also be collecting dues at the Monthly Membership Meeting.

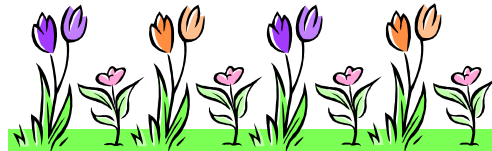
Hospitality Notes

Hello from your Hospitality Committee

We are preparing for the 2009 Hamilton County Master Gardener Graduation Celebration. Congratulations New Master Gardener Interns! The celebration will be held at the Chester Frost Pavilion on 4-16-09 from 6:30 – 8:30 PM. If you plan on joining us, please sign up to bring a food offering: a covered dish, beverages and ice, and/or dessert. The success of our party is enhanced by your generosity and is much appreciated. The committee will provide place settings and decorations. Sign-up sheets will be at the next two MG Meetings. You may also sign up by emailing me dgchivington@comcast.net or calling me at 423-332-5972.

FEBRUARY 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 6-9 Vegetables	3 9-noon Vegetables	4	5 6p MG Board Mtg	6	7
8	9 6-9 Containers/Herbs	10 9-noon IPM/Wildlife	11	12	13	14
15	16 6-9 IPM/Wildlife	17 9-noon Containers/Herbs	18	19 6:30 MG Mtg	20	21
22	23 6-9 Perennials	24 9-noon Fruit	25	26	27	28



MARCH 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 6-9p Roses/ composting	3 9-noon <u>Perennials</u> Ruth Baumgardner	4	5 6p MG Board Mtg	6	7
8	9 6-9p Trees & Ornamentals	10 9-noon <u>Trees&Orn</u> 6:30-9p Beg. Class Soils/grass	11	12	13	14
15	16 6-9p Insects & Diseases	17 9-noon <u>Insects&Di</u> 6:30-9p Beg. Class Tree/herbs	18	19 6:30 MG Mtg Orchids	20	21
22	23 6-9p Fruit	24 9-noon <u>Roses&co</u> 6:30-9p Beg. Class Wildlife	25 Ash Wednesday	26	27	28
29	30 6-9pm Turfgrass	31 9-noon <u>Turfgrass</u> 6:30-9p Beg. Class Flowers				

Tom's Tidbits for January 2009 Gardening Education in the Winter

The Master Gardener classes have been quite enjoyable so far this year. Dr. Jeff did a fabulous job with the soils classes. He gets the student off on the right foot. I hope we get some student soil tests back so we can go over them in class. The Carol Reese lecture was attended by 130 people. It was a great night. Carol is so entertaining. Dennis Bishop brought in flowering winter jasmine for his botany classes to dissect. Joel Hauser from Crabtree Farms and Padgett Arnold from Sequatchie Cove Farms gave the vegetable lectures this year. Their experience on the farm showed in their lectures. They were so thorough. We miss Tommy Jackson and hope he is doing well. Eugene Howard has given small additions to several classes. He reads a poem or tells of his experiences. What a great resource he is for us in Hamilton County! The remaining classes will be informative as well. I think we must have the best line-up of speakers in the state.

The weeks go by so fast. Before we know it, spring will be here.

All Master Gardeners, including interns, should start thinking about completing their hours. The time cycle is from April to March. There will be lots of activities to choose from this spring.

We will keep you posted by email, newsletter, website and yahoo group. We are also working on a Facebook group. It will be a very busy spring and summer this year. I hope you can jump in and help with many of the upcoming projects.

For Masterful Gardens

Tom

YOGA FOR GARDENERS offers an introduction to poses and modified poses that will help you prevent and/or relieve the aches and pains of the unconditioned body. Cecilia teaches even the beginner how to use the body and mind in a balanced way to promote strength and flexibility to assist making your gardening projects healthful, easy and enjoyable activities in your life. Gardening is fun!

Six weeks sessions at three different locations.

Thursdays 4:00 – 5:00 ~ ClearSpring Yoga starts Feb 26

Saturdays 11:00 – noon ~ Nutrition World starts Feb 28

Sundays 3:30 – 4:30 ~ Chattanooga Nature Center starts Mar. 1

\$90.00 Pre-registration is required. Cecilia Keefer 667-4906 ckeefer321@comcast.net for more information or to register.



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